



Task Force/Ops Meeting

September 2025

Tuesday, September 9, 0900-1700

Wednesday, September 10, 0800-1200

Hosted By:

San Diego Fire Department

Meeting Location

San Diego Health and Wellness Center

9325 Park Court, San Diego, CA, 92123

Members

Robert Rezende (SND)	Matt Brown (CNT)	Angel Prieto (BLM)
Steve Davis (SBC)	Cathy Johnson (OES)	Patrick D'Arcy (SFR)
Cary Wright (KRN)	Caryn Petty (CDF)	Eric Roberts (LFD)
Chris St. Pierre (USFS)	Tim Adams (ANA)	Derrick Chapman (LAC)
Dan Coyle (MNL)	Dave Semple (CDF)	Jim Henery (ORC)
Jason Serrano (BDC)	Brett Russel (BSH)	

Guests

Jim Johnstone (OES)	Jett Schuster (BDC)	Guy Tomlinson (LFD)
Charles MacFarland (SND)	Mike Liversedge (SND)	

Excused Absent (Deployed)

Pedro Arreguin (VNC)	Scott Lewis (SCR)	Brian Duffy (TLC)
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Welcome, Introductions, Logistics, and Pledge..... Rezende (SND)

a. Moment of Silence for Firefighters and Police Officers LODD

Brian Hatt, Raywick Fire Dept., Raywick, KY, August 25th, 2025

Ruben Romero, USFS Region 6, Portland, OR, August 24th, 2025

Christopher "Brownie" Brown, Northwood Fire Rescue, Northwood, NH, Aug. 19th, 2025

Ed Margavich, Third District Volunteer Fire Company, Bristol, PA, August 15th, 2025

****And all Law Enforcement Officers LODD****

b. Agenda Review and Additions Serrano

c. Review and Approval of August Meeting Minutes Rezende

i. Motion Roberts, second Brown

d. Task Force Update Brown

- i. A reminder to Task Force members to perform liaison functions with Subcommittees so that Plans of work and rosters are complete by fall.
- ii. Serrano reminds all TF members to schedule a meeting with the respective BoD member.

e. Ops Team Update Johnstone

- i. Johnstone clarifies start time of Ops Team for 9/11/25.
- ii. In discussion with TF Chair to add 400-1 to the agenda for October.

f. Cal OES..... Johnson

- i. CWCG training working group has opened up training with a priority for CIMT members. Window of application closes 9/12/25.

g. OSFM SFT Report Petty

- i. CCR, Title 19 Updates: all new/updated curriculum, CIRM retirement, addition of Index Guides, editorial amendments.
- ii. Blueprint 2030: Approved by CAL FIRE Executive July 2025, and both the website dashboard and the implementation action plan are now in development.
 - 1. [SFT Annual Report](#)
- iii. Fire Fighter 1A and 2A (2024) – live July 1, 2025
 - 1. [Fire Fighter 1A and 2A Staff Report](#)



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2. [Fire Fighter 1 Webpage](#) / [Fire Fighter 2 Webpage](#)
3. Fire Fighter 1A and 2A (2019) retires June 2026
- iv. Fire and Emergency Services Instructor 1 and 2 (2024) – IFSAC/Pro Board – live July 1, 2025
 1. [National Accredited Certification Expansion - FESI 1 & 2](#)
 2. Existing Evaluators to complete WebForm online
- v. Behavioral Health and Cancer Awareness (2025)
 1. [Behavioral Health and Cancer Awareness](#)
 2. To STEAC in October 2025 for January 2026 implementation
- vi. Fire Apparatus Driver/Operator Series
 1. Virtual cadre – Fall 2025, watch for application to participate
- vii. Prevention Series
 1. Inspector to STEAC October 2025
 2. Fire Marshal to STEAC October 2025
 3. Plan Examiner to STEAC October 2025
- viii. Water Rescue
 1. Retired June 30, 2025: River Flood Rescue Tech (2017), River Flood Rescue Boat Tech (2017), Personal Watercraft Rescue Ops (1996).
 2. New courses: Water Rescue Awareness, Ops, Tech (2021)
- ix. Curriculum Retirements
 1. Fire Control 1 (1996) / Fire Control 2 (1996)
 2. Fire Control 7 (1992) / Basic Pump Ops (1993)
- x. Fire Officer Series
 1. [Staff Report - Fire Officer 2](#)
 - a. Company Officer (2014) retires December 2026
 2. [Staff Report - Fire Officer 3](#)
 - a. Chief Fire Officer (2014) retires June 30, 2026
 3. [Staff Report - Fire Officer 4](#)
 - a. Exec. Chief Fire Officer (2014) retires Dec 31, 2025
- xi. SFT Webpage Update: In alignment with the proposed Blueprint 2030, SFT has improved the webpage interface with handheld devices. This follows a review of user data, webpage traffic, and consultation with CAL FIRE IT to improve the user experience.
 1. [Current Page Layout](#) / [Sample Proposed Layout](#)
- xii. SFT User Portal/ACADIS enhancements
 1. A proposed 3-year contract update will include:
 - a. Online applications and payment for certifications and instructor registration
 - b. Automated email notification for certifications



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- c. Instructor review access for student Missed Learning Objectives (MLO) Report
 - d. Customizations within the invoicing module
- xiii. CICCS: Adoption of the SFT User Portal for Operational and Regional CICCS Certificates
 - 1. [CICCS Guide 2025 Update](#)
- xiv. Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) Workgroup: Subject Matter Experts to participate in a work group that will review best safe practices and recommend BESS updates to SFT curriculum. The OSFM has recommended Fire Service Training and resources which can be found [here](#).
- xv. RIO/CEET Course Offerings
 - 1. September 16 – Bakersfield
 - 2. October 24 – San Bernardino
 - 3. October 28 – Salinas
 - 4. October 29 – Santa Clara
 - 5. November 6 – Sacramento
 - 6. December 17 – San Diego
 - 7. January 21 – Orange County

h. Old Business/Projects Updates

- i. FOG ICS 420.1 2022 – Sales – App Update..... Johnson
 - 1. Johnson gives an update, but there is no significant news to report. Funding and work are dependent on the white paper going to Ops this week.
 - 2. New App Revision Analytics..... Johnson
 - 3. FOG 3.0 roll-out..... Johnson
 - 4. FOG Items and Digital Changes..... Roberts
- ii. Additional members to subcommittees..... All
 - 1. Chapman proposes AC Berman (LAC) to the Aviation Subcommittee. Roberts motions, Brown second.
 - 2. Rezende and Duffy to capture members interested in the recently approved CRR Subcommittee. Rezende point of contact.
- iii. ICS-912 (Discussion)..... Wright
 - 1. Wright relates that there is a need to look through emails to determine precisely what was required of ISSC to standardize the verbiage. Johnstone to refer back to January BoD notes to capture change in verbiage.
 - 2. Discussion about format of FIREScope website. Wright proposes duplicate links for documents on both the publication page and discipline specific page. Johnson



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and Johnstone give an update to indicate that there are technical limitations for duplicate link locations. Johnson to carry issue back to IT.

3. Adams requests Calendar link.

iv. FIREScope Task Request Form.....Roberts

1. Application to current tasks, updates

a. ICS 851 Ops Guide (Going to Ops).....Chapman

i. Chapman updates, document updated for Ops.

v. 2025 Quarterly Briefs.....Rezende

1. October QB (Ideas and Photos)

2. Rezende takes input. Brown tracks potential slides.

vi. MACS 410-1 MAC Group Procedures & SOPS MAC Group Procedures... Semple

1. 209 Scoring Matrix Beta test (update)

2. Semple reports that the grading scale is in place. South has not used it. North has used it.

3. Johnson reports that North has been using the criteria.

4. This item to be left in Task Force agenda.

vii. Standard Wildland Preplan WP (Discussion).....Duffy/Arreguin

1. Members deployed. No report at this time.

viii. HZSO Whitepaper (Going to Ops).....Rezende/Roberts

1. Nothing to report, going to Ops.

ix. TS&R Document Review... Coyle

1. OSD Updates - Coyle indicates no update. Products moving forward.

a. Arbor Rescue (ICS 162-5)

b. Animal Rescue (ICS 162-3)

c. Tower Rescue (ICS 162-2)

i. Current BOD Tasking

i. HEAT (Heavy Equipment All-Hazard Task Force).....Serrano

1. Henery updates that white paper is written, and will be presented to Task Force 9/10/25.



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2. 9/10/25 update: OCFA Juback HEO presents updated HEAT White Paper. Paper includes the formation of an Ad Hoc Subcommittee. Henery takes action items notes. Roberts shares charter template to OCFA.
- ii. Helicopter Typing.....Semple/MacFarland
 1. MacFarland gives briefing. The main point in the issue is the expansion of Type 1 Helicopters. Their capacity has expanded, and the typing ought to be looked at again.
- j. **New Business**
 - i. Mobile Communications Typing Standards (Discussion, FEMA Mobile EOC).Prieto
 1. Oliveri and Beckstrand share Mobile EOC resources typing.
 - ii. ICS 1302 Multi-Band Cloning Job-Aid and Whitepaper (Going to Ops).....Prieto
 1. Brown frames the document. Oliveri to attend Ops when necessary to present the document to Ops on 9/10/25.
 - iii. Maritime OSD 167 (FOG Chapter Upd.....D'Arcy
 1. D'Arcy relays a written update from Maritime Chair, Whit.
 2. Discussion about leader's intent of OSD. Discussion about clarifying Maritime operations compared to swiftwater and water rescue.
 3. Serrano proposes that Prieto ask Comms to verify the frequency pages of OSD. A maritime page in the 441 may be required annually.
 - iv. Fuels Management White Paper (Going to Ops.Brown/Johnstone
 1. Brown updates: Cost associated with Rx fire compared to suppression/recovery cost. Motion Chapman, second Davis.
 - v. Using Mutual Aid for RX Fire at Scale...All
 1. Topic included in discussion above. Brown leads discussion.
 - vi. ICS 1150 Battery Emergencies OG (Going to Ops). Roberts/Rezende
 1. Roberts presents minor change to elevator guidance. To confirm version sent in Ops Doc Package.
 - vii. FOG Restructuring Whitepaper (Going to Ops)... Roberts
 1. Roberts presents, makes minor edits. To send to Johnstone for publication to Ops.
 - viii. MACS 410-4 Update Task Tracking (Going to Ops...Roberts



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1. Roberts presents. Serrano asks for headings to change on page 14. Roberts to make changes, send to Johnstone. Adams motions, Wright second.
- ix. US&R Strike Team Leader and CICCIS (Discussion)..... Coyle
 1. Coyle has no update, next meeting scheduled in future.
- x. UAS with US&R and Maritime (Discussion)..... Chapman
 1. Chapman updates: Topic moving away from a specific Maritime application to all hazard. Checklist being developed, white paper being developed. White paper to propose typing standard.
- xi. Structure Fire FOG Chapter Addition.....Henery
 1. Liversedge presents a chapter in the FOG that is concise and direct. He indicates that additional resources were researched. The Chapter in the FOG is a summary of the full ICS 500 document.
 - a. Discussion on timeline of SFs. Brown proposes that document comes back for further discussion.
 - b. Henery clarifies the ask:
 - i. When to include long term logistical support for SF incidents.
 - ii. Bring chapter into alignment with other FOG chapters.
 2. ICS 510 proposed as number for Job Aid. Liversedge proposes concise three page check list as a job aid for SF.
 - a. Roberts proposes ICS 510, make it one page front and back.
- xii. Smart Sheets Presentation.....Johnson
 1. Johnson presents how to access roster, charter, plan of work. Reiterates the correct way to fill out roster.
- xiii. Motion to adjourn 9/9/25 - Brown, second
- k. **Specialist Groups and Subcommittee Reports**.....All
 - i. Health and Safety
 1. Incident Safety... Wright
 - a. ISSC to address 912.
 2. Behavioral Health... Petty
 - a. No report at this time.
 3. Cancer Prevention.....Wright
 - a. Wright reports. Met last week. New product to be on October agenda.
 4. Community Risk Reduction..... Duffy



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- a. No report at this time.
- ii. Special Operations
 - 1. Technical Search and Rescue.....Coyle
 - a. No report at this time.
 - 2. Maritime Operations.....D'Arcy
 - a. No report at this time.
 - 3. Hazardous Materials... ..Roberts
 - a. Roberts reports last meeting included election of officers.
 - 4. REMS Ad Hoc.....Coyle
 - a. Disband plan in progress.
 - 5. Lithium Ion Battery Ad Hoc... ..Rezende
 - a. Guidance document moving forward.
 - b. Expect name change in future.
- iii. Incident Technology
 - 1. GIS..... Arreguin
 - a. No report at this time.
 - 2. Predictive Services.....St Pierre
 - a. St Pierre reports, next meeting at CAL OES HQ.
 - b. Document to be in the October TF Doc Package.
 - 3. Communications... ..Prieto
 - a. No report at this time.
 - 4. Emerging Information Technology..... Brown
 - a. Brown reports next meeting 9/16/25.
 - b. Presentation available regarding dismounted tracking.
 - 5. CAD to CAD Ad Hoc... ..D'Arcy
 - a. D'Arcy reports: meeting next week.
 - b. Products to be delivered for December TF.
- iv. Emergency Operations
 - 1. EMS..... Davis
 - a. Brown reports next meeting 9/25/25.
 - 2. Structure Fire.....Henery
 - a. Henery reports 10/9 & 10/10 next meeting.
 - 3. Wildland Fire... ..Adams
 - a. Adams reports. White paper going forward.
 - b. Active fire season.
 - 4. Wildland Preplan Ad Hoc... ..Duffy
 - a. Duffy deployed.
- v. Air Operations



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1. Aviation Operations.....Semple
 - a. Nothing to report besides presentation at Ops 9/10/25.
2. Unmanned Aerial Systems... Chapman
 - a. Chapman reports: UAS ready for 851 presentation.
- vi. Training and Education
 1. CSFM Training.....Lewis
 - a. No report at this time.
 2. STEAC... Lewis
 - a. No report at this time.
 3. CICC... Chapman
 - a. No report at this time.

I. Review of Upcoming Task Force Meetings..... All

2025 Meeting Schedule

- a. September 9/10 San Diego TF, 10/11 Ops, San Diego Fire Dept. – Rezende
- b. October 7/8 Sacramento TF, Cal Fire- Semple
- c. November 11/12 Catalina, LACo- Chapman
- d. December 1/2/3 Los Angeles, LFD- Roberts

2026 Meeting Schedule

- a. January 13/14, 2026 Sacramento TF, Sacramento FD – Lewis
- b. February 10/11, 2026 TBD TF, Anaheim FD – Adams
- c. March 10/11, 2026 Sonoma TF, Menlo Park – Coyle
- d. April 13/14, 2026 Palm Desert TF, CAL FIRE – Semple
- e. May 12/13, 2026 MACS Training and TF Meeting, OCFA – Henery
- f. June TBD 2026 TF/ Ops San Francisco, SFFD- D'Arcy
- g. July 6/7, 2026 TF Lake Arrowhead, SBCoFD- Schuster

m. Future Ops Team and Board of Directors Meetings

2025 Ops Team Schedule and Venues

- September 10/11 San Diego
- December 3 / 4 Los Angeles

2025 Board Meeting Schedule and Venues

- October 8 and 9 BIA Brooks

2026 Board Meeting Schedule and Venues

- January 14/15 Sacramento Cal OES HQ
- April 15/16 TBD
- July 8/9 Sacramento Cal OES HQ
- October 14/15 Anaheim



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m. **Roundtable**.....All

i. Roberts motion to adjourn in honor of 9/11/01, Brown seconds.